

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

**Ray D'Agostino, Chairman**  
**Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman**  
**Alice Yoder**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**

**Amy M. Campbell**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

**Dennis Dougherty, Esquire**  
**FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also, present were:

**Jodi Barone, Director**  
**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Vincent Cash, Buyer II**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**William Clark, Executive Director**  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**Justin Eby, Executive Director**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Dwight Groff, Treasurer**  
**LANCHESTER DISTRICT OF LANCASTER MENNONITE CONFERENCE (LMC)**

**Russ Hauser, Interim Chief Information Officer**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Paul Marler, Deputy Chief Information Officer**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Brian Pasquale, Executive Director**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Joel Saint, Pastor**  
**Independence Reformed Bible Church (IRBC)**

**Linda Schreiner, Director**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**Gail Groves Scott, MPH**  
**HEALTH POLICY NETWORK**

**Brian Secor, Deputy Warden**  
**PRISON**

**Carmen Simone, Deputy Director**  
**GENERAL SERVICES**

**Daniella Tristaino, Portfolio Officer**  
**EDC FINANCE CORPORATION**

**Rachel Valmonte, Compliance and Planning Manager**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the May 13, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**PROCLAMATION**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

May 25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day was first recognized in 1868 under the name of Decoration Day to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1950, Congress passed a joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing Memorial Day as a day for prayer of permanent peace; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day serves as a reminder of the brave men and women who have served our Nation courageously and have made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard the freedoms we hold dear; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day also offers the opportunity to recognize the family, friends and fellow service men and women of our nation's fallen heroes who endure the silent pain of the loss of a loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster County is forever grateful for the men and women of our military and their families who have answered the call to selflessly serve, sacrifice and defend our County; and

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster County celebrates Memorial Day by collaborating with local cemeteries, veterans' organizations, churches, community organizations and many more to honor those who have served and passed away by placing flags at every veteran's gravesite in the County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**, that the May 25, 2026, be proclaimed **MEMORIAL DAY** and offers its sincere gratitude to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom and encourage all Lancaster County residents to honor our fallen heroes, veterans and their families on this day.

Jodi Barone, Veterans Affairs Director, and the Board of Commissioners made remarks honoring Memorial Day and the men and women who died protecting our freedom.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve a request for forgiveness of the 2025 unpaid real estate taxes for LanChester Mennonite Church for two parcels at 45 South Kinzer Road, Kinzers, in the total amount of \$10,395.52. The congregation, formerly known as Kinzers Mennonite Church, experienced a technical issue while changing ownership, resulting in the church temporarily losing its tax-exempt status and being billed.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2026**

**FUNDING THROUGH THE  
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

**WHEREAS**, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$912,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Michael F. and Sadie S. Beiler. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$612,000.00. The farm is located at 314 Brethren Church Road, Leola, West Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

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**WHEREAS**, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2026**

**FUNDING THROUGH THE  
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder;

**WHEREAS**, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$1,148,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Abner S. and Salome E. Stoltzfus. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$682,000.00. The farm is located at 261 Byerland Church Road, Willow Street, Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

**Plan Approval With:** Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster Consortium  
(County of Lancaster & City of Lancaster)  
Lancaster, PA

and

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Purpose:** To approve the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan for HUD Community Planning & Development funding.

**Amount:** \$5,446,613.52

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program -  
\$3,454,734.00

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program - \$1,744,023.52  
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program - \$247,856.00

Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Eby, Executive Director, and Rachel Valmonte, Compliance and Planning Manager, addressed Gail Groves Scott's questions about the plan procedure.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

**Administrative Agreement With:**

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster  
Lancaster, PA

**Purpose:**

To engage the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster to administer the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Programs for grant year 2026 in conformance with applicable program regulations for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and all other applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Prison, to approve the following:

**Renewal Agreement With:**

IB Abel, Inc.  
York, PA

**Purpose:**

To secure a contract for preventive maintenance and continuous monitoring of the Genetec security camera system that includes 24/7 on-call service and the replacement of eight quad cameras.

**Amount/Term:**

\$121,485.26 for the period May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.  
Increase of \$24,501.26, 25.26%.

**Funding:**

Prison budget.  
Cooperative contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Purchasing Department, to authorize Lawrence M. George, Lancaster County Administrator/Chief Clerk, to sign an agreement for the purchase of natural gas for all County accounts on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

The current natural gas agreements for DS, LFD and LVT rates are due to expire on December 31, 2026. The current contracted natural gas basis rates (transportation) are \$1.1018 DTH for Rate N (Non-Residential), (\$0.324 DTH) for Rate DS (Delivery Service), and \$.805 DTH for rate LFD (Large Firm Delivery Service). As of May 18, 2026, the County has an estimated not to exceed rate for basis pricing (Capacity/Transportation) of natural gas not to exceed \$2.350 for Rate N, (\$0.200) for Rate DS and \$1.700 for rate LFD, and to approve the timely locking of the NYMEX natural gas commodity based on market conditions. These "not to exceed" rates equate to an estimated annual increase of approximately 6% overall beginning on January 1, 2027. The vendor will not be determined until the time of purchase.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, to approve the following:

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**Annual Grant  
Agreement With:**

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency  
Harrisburg, PA

**Purpose:**

To receive Emergency Management Performance Grant funding for 50% reimbursement of salaries and benefits from 2025 for the following staff positions: Department of Public Safety Executive Director, Health & Medical Preparedness Coordinator, and the Administrative Coordinator.

**Amount/Term:**

\$138,776.00 for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

**Funding:**

100% State funding.

**Note:**

Approval is given to Brian P. Pasquale, Executive Director, Department of Public Safety, to electronically sign the grant agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Information Technology Department, to approve the following:

**Grant Agreement With:**

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)  
Harrisburg, PA

**Purpose:**

To recognize funds from the Department of Homeland Security's State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to offset costs for existing phishing awareness training and vulnerability management programs.

**Amount/Term:**

\$66,404.76 for the period December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2028

**Funding:**

100% State funding.  
30% County match.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted that the Adult Probation and Parole Services agenda item has been pulled because the department is working on the Grant Application and plans to bring it back before the Board at a later date.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (BHDS), to approve the following:

<b><u>Mental Health Contract Renewal Agreements With:</u></b>	<b><u>For:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>% Increase/ Decrease</u></b>
Arch Street Center Lancaster, PA	Social rehabilitation drop-in center.	\$263,631.00	+31.82%
Goodwill Keystone Area. Harrisburg, PA	Employment for adults with serious mental illness.	\$183,473.00	+2.32%
Park Avenue Apartments Associates Lancaster, PA	Provides subsidized rents to individuals with a serious mental illness.	\$35,000.00	N/A

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Ponessa Behavioral Health Lancaster, PA	Provides psychiatric & mental health outpatient services to individuals.	\$63,000.00	+14.55%
<b><u>Renewal Agreements With:</u></b>			
Gibson Law Group Lancaster, PA	Provides emergency mental health hearings to individuals.	\$60,000.00	+3.33%
Blakinger Thomas Lancaster, PA	Provides legal services such as mental health review hearings, Consultation and legal support.	\$97,504.00	+5.41%
AFR Law Office Lancaster, PA	Provides emergency mental health hearings to individuals.	\$48,000.00	N/A
Eager, Stengel, Quinn, Babic & Eager	Provides emergency mental health hearings to individuals.	\$90,000.00	-10.00%

**NOTES:** All terms are for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

All contracts are funded by the Human Services Block.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Children and Youth Agency, to approve a County Office Health Services Coordination Agreement with UPMC For You, Inc. to furnish Medical Assistance-covered services to children in out-of-home care under the custody of the Children and Youth Agency. Authorization is given to Lawrence M. George, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, to sign the agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Purchasing Department and Children and Youth Agency, to approve the following:

<b><u>Agreement with:</u></b>	CDW Government, LLC Vernon Hills, IL
<b><u>Purpose:</u></b>	To approve the purchase of 55 laptops for the Children and Youth Agency.
<b><u>Amount:</u></b>	\$92,125.00 (\$1,675.00 each).
<b><u>Funding:</u></b>	CYA Needs-Based Budget and IT Special Grant. COSTARS Cooperative Contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Children and Youth Agency and/or the Office of Juvenile Probation, to approve the following for **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027:**

**Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

<b><u>Renewal Agreements With:</u></b>	<b><u>For:</u></b>	<b><u>Amounts</u></b>	<b><u>% Increase/ Decrease</u></b>
Concilio	Foster/Kinship General (Ages 0-12)	\$68.63	
Philadelphia, PA	Foster/Kinship General (Ages 13 & over)	\$78.63	
	Foster/Kinship Treatment (Ages 0-12)	\$135.38	
	Foster/Kinship Treatment (Ages 13 & over)	\$145.38	

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Justice Works Youth Care, Inc Pittsburgh, PA	<b>Amendment to increase contract max</b> WhyTry Program	\$55,000.00	+43.41%
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Woods Services Langhorne, PA	<b>Amendment to add additional service</b> START (Short-Term Autism RTF) Room & Board	\$269.56	
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**Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

**Renewal**

**Agreements With:**

Adelphoi Services, Inc  
Latrobe, PA

**For:**

FirstMatch Database Licensing (SAAS)  
Model Management/Dashboards  
Professional Service/Help Desk

**Amounts**

\$35,000.00  
\$8,000.00  
\$2,000.00

**% Increase/  
Decrease**

ADVOZ Lancaster, PA	Restorative Justice Victim-Offender Conferencing	\$36,693.00	
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Avanco International, Inc Clifton, VA	CAPS AFCARS Upgrades CAPS Annual Hosting Fee CAPS Consulting Agreement CAPS CWIS Upgrades HIPAA Business Associate Agreement	\$17,899.92 \$92,855.44 \$30,000.00 \$22,143.21	+3.00%
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Bethanna Southampton, PA	Family Foundations Visitation Program	\$506,978.00 \$712,930.00	
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Bethany Christian Services of Central PA Lancaster, PA	Homebuilders Program	\$528,000.00	
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Child First Family Services Lancaster, PA	Supervised Visits Therapeutic Supervised Visits Intake Home Visits (0-30 miles) Home Visits (31-60 miles) Home Visits (61-90 miles) Home Inspections Report Writing/Agency Consultation Review of Documentation Team Meetings Court Testimony Co-Parenting Group (8 sessions) Co-Parenting Counseling Anger Management Group Anger Management Assessment Discharge Summaries No Show Fee Parking Fees	\$60.00/HR \$85.00/HR \$100.00 \$30.00/Visit \$60.00/Visit \$90.00/Visit \$75.00 \$75.00/HR \$75.00/HR \$75.00/HR \$100.00/HR \$350.00 \$150.00/HR \$200.00 \$150.00 \$100.00 \$25.00	
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COBYS Family Services Lancaster, PA	Kinship Support Program Parenting Wisely Parenting Program Seeking Safety Program Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)* *Combined with Incredible Years Program – no net increase	\$42,441.00 \$51,016.00 \$67,669.00 \$160,643.00	
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Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County Lancaster, PA	Parents as Teachers	\$52,000.00	
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CSI Corporate Security and Investigations LLC Monaca, PA	Locate Services Safety Monitoring Transportation of Complex Youth Process Serve	\$110.00 \$110.00 \$110.00 \$110.00
Jaskot Consulting, LLC Marietta, PA	Bio-Psychosocial Evaluation-Direct Time Bio-Psychosocial Eval with D&A-Direct Time  Eval Write Up, Prep, Survey, Travel, and Consultation Bonding Assessments - Direct Time Court Appearance/Testimony	\$135.00/HR \$135.00/HR  \$75.00/HR \$155.00/HR \$155.00/HR
Jaskot Consulting, LLC Marietta, PA	Court Testimony- Late Cancellation Fee Parenting Assessments Client Late Cancellation 24 Hours or Less/ No Show Fee Staff Training & Development - Direct Time Staff Training Prep Time	\$310.00/HR \$135.00/HR \$150.00/HR  \$135.00/HR \$75.00/HR
Justice Works Youth Care, Inc Pittsburgh, PA	JustCare STOPP VIP (Violation Initiative Program) WhyTry Truancy Ancillary Service Fee - 25% Successful FGDM Conference Successful FGDM Referral Unsuccessful FGDM Referral Triple P Positive Parenting Program	\$91.56/HR \$97.66/HR \$91.56/HR \$91.56/HR \$91.56/HR \$3,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$250.00 \$98.42/HR
Lancaster General Hospital Lancaster, PA	Children's Alliance Joining Forces for Children Plans of Safe Care Healthy Beginnings Plus/ STEPS Program	\$137,114.00 \$175,128.00 \$83,748.00 \$426,754.00

**NEW**

**Agreement With:**

Bench Mark Program Lancaster, PA	Women's Assembly Program	\$77,223.00
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**NOTE:** All agreements are 16% County funding, 56% State funding, and 28% Federal funding except for the following:

- Justice Works – WhyTry: 10% County/90% State
- Bethany Christian Services - Homebuilders Program: 4% County/84% State/12% Federal
- COBYS – Seeking Safety and TBRI: 5% County/95% State
- Community Action Partnership – Parents as Teachers: 4% County/88% State/8% Federal
- JusticeWorks – FGDM: 5% County/95% State
- JusticeWorks – Triple P: 2% County/48% State/50% Federal
- Lancaster General Hospital – Plans of Safe Care: 100% Federal
- Lancaster General Hospital – Healthy Beginnings/STEPS: 10% County/90% State

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Office of Juvenile Probation, to approve the following:

**Grant Award With:**

Juvenile Court Judges' Commission  
Harrisburg, PA

**Purpose:**

To recognize grant funds that will be used to support the costs of maintaining and improving general juvenile probation services with

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funding being applied to probation officers' salaries and some operational expenses for the implementation of evidence-based practices and models.

**Amount/Term:** \$659,433.00 for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

**Funding:** 100% State funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed to approve a letter of support for the Center for Traffic Safety's grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2027 Community Traffic Safety Project, an application being submitted on behalf of the York County Board of Commissioners. If the grant is awarded, there is no financial obligation to the County of Lancaster. The Center for Traffic Safety provides data on motor-vehicle crashes and collaborates with community leaders on programs that help prevent traffic crashes and fatalities.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of General Services, to approve the following:

**Agreement With:** Carrier Commercial Service  
Harrisburg, PA

**Purpose:** To approve proposals to replace control panels and Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) on two chillers at the Courthouse and two chillers at the Government Center.

**Amount/Term:** \$420,659.00.

**Funding:** 2026 Capital Budget.  
COSTARS Cooperative contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Joel Saint commented on mental health issues.

Gail Groves Scott commented on the design of the new correctional facility.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office